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SUBJECT: TUNISIA-LIBYA DECLARATION OF UNION

TUNISIA AND LIBYA HAVE SIGNED A DECLARATION TO UNITE THEIR TWO COUNTRIES INTO ONE REPUBLIC WITH A SINGLE PRESIDENT. THE OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT BROADCAST OVER THE LIBYAN RADIO SAID THE NEW STATE WILL BE CALLED THE ISLAMIC ARAB REPUBLIC AND THAT A PLEBISCITE ON UNITY WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 18. TUNIS ALSO BROADCAST THAT THE TWO COUNTRIES HAD AGREED TO UNITE, BUT A TEXT IS NOT YET AVAILABLE.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT MAY PROVE TO BE AN AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE, SUBJECT TO POPULAR RATIFICATION, RATHER THAN A DECLARATION CALLING FOR IMMEDIATE UNION. A TIMETABLE FOR ESTABLISHING THE NEW REPUBLIC

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WAS NOT SPECIFIED IN THE TRIPOLI BROADCAST. PRESIDENT QADHAFI ARRIVED IN TUNISIA YESTERDAY BUT LOCAL PRESS CHARACTERIZED HIS ARRIVAL AS A "PRIVATE VISIT." IN DECEMBER 1972, WHEN QADHAFI PROPOSED IMMEDIATE UNION WITH TUNISIA, BOURGUIBA BLUNTLY REJECTED THE LIBYAN PROPOSAL AND CONCEDED ONLY THAT ARAB UNITY WAS A REMOTE GOAL TO BE ACHIEVED AFTER YEARS OF COOPERATION.

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